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Dear Senator Jerry O'Neil,

I, Tim Franklin am writing this letter in sincere desperation hoping to get advice or help. My two children have been put in foster care and their mother, Katrina Lane, has been declared unfit. I would just like someone to hear me out and consider my story.

Our first child together, Marcy, was born on Sept. 28, 1991, and we were married soon after. About that time Katrina took her three year old daughter, Jessica, to CPS in Washington State and reported sexual abuse. She told them her ex-husband, Joe Flansaas, had "put his finger in Jessica's bottom." I believed her and always told Jessica she never had to see her dad. CPS said they would arrest him if he showed up in Washington State.

We were living in Big Fork MT in 1999. I went to Denver for nine days to check out a school for the blind. I started going blind when I was twelve and was in need of some adaptive training. I was gone about a week when Katrina informed me she was leaving me for an older man named Brian Lane. Katrina disconnected the phone and I heard nothing until I found her several months later. She was living at a camp ground in Sera Toga Wyoming. Her sister Robin Muchmore told me where she was. I called the police and asked them to go check on my children. She then told the Police that she was hiding from me and that I was abusing her and the children. The police took reports and then told her she had to go make these charges in Montana where the alleged abuse took place. I was not made aware of this at the time.

I got her in divorce court in Rawlins, Wyoming in February 2001. The judge's order was to let me see my children that night at McDonald's. I then had to go through two supervised visits. Katrina then called me and said she wanted to sign the divorce papers without her attorney. I agreed to the conditions and signed. On June 2, 2001 Katrina brought the children by herself, to me and my wife in Denver. We had them for 11 weeks. We took the children back to her in Spokane, WA. on August 22, 2001. That same summer she gave my children to me, she also sent Jessica to her dad's in Indiana. Jessica hadn't seen him in 10 years, ever since Katrina had accused him of sexually abusing her. I still had no idea she had accused me of abusing my children.

In September 2001, Child Protective Services came to my house and said I had been accused of molesting all three of my children. They had me and my Stepson Tristian go in for interviews. I told them Katrina had given me the children for the summer. I insisted the allegations were false and Cps asked me if I was willing to take a Polygraph test. I then went to Washington to seek a lawyer with my parents help. I retained Mark Sullivan from Kalispell MT. I took a petafille lie detector test and past it. I mailed it to the Kalispell prosecutor.

Katrina put her step dad in jail when she was sixteen. She accused him of sexually abusing her. He was let out in two days for lack of proof. I am the fifth person Katrina has accused of molesting either her or the children. This is a pattern she has used over and over. My attorney was working with the Kalispell prosecutor trying to get them to let me come to court without arresting me. They would not agree. My attorney then dropped my case for lack of money. For the last 5 years there has been a warrant for me in MT. I received a restraining order every two years from Katrina. I was not allowed to call or write my children or have third party contact. Legal aid in WA can't help me. Legal aid in MT told me they can't help either. An attorney wants at least five thousand dollars to start, and I live on a fixed income. We don't have that kind of money.

I was contacted Oct 20, 2006. By Social Worker Steve Gunnel. He told me my children had been taken away from their mother, due to lack of supervision and drugs. Katrina failed a drug urine test, and she was living at a known drug dealer's property with Marcy. Marcy had just had her second miscarriage, and Katrina was letting her have sex with a 27 year old man. The children have been put in foster care with Katrina's sister and step dad, Alicia and Ron Huff.

This has broken my heart and I guess it appeared hopeless and I gave up. I know how badly my children need me, and I need help fighting for my rights. I love my children and they need me. My wife and I have a stable home with two happy boys. We would like nothing more then to have Marcy and Jeremiah come live with us. If someone would just investigate my story they would see the truth. Marcy and Jeremiah both miss me and want to live with me. Marcy doesn't want her mom to get in trouble, but is willing to tell the truth. She has told me that her mom made her and Jessica lie about me. This is a lot of pressure for my children. They have been robbed of their dad and I have been falsely accused.
Please help us.

Sincerely,

Tim Franklin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Franklin', with a stylized, flowing script.